

PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS

SHELBY TOWNSHIP



One of Michigan's most significant automotive heritage resources has been preserved as a result of consultation that is an integral part of the Section 106 process. The SHPO became involved with the Packard Proving Grounds in 1998 when it reviewed plans for a postal distribution facility near Utica. As a result of the consultation process, the U.S. Postal Service found a more appropriate location, which left the proving grounds intact. Then, in 1999, the widening of 23 Mile Road in Shelby Township threatened the property once again. Ford Motor Land Development owned the proving grounds as well as the Allen Park VA Hospital, which was also being reviewed by the SHPO due to plans for its demolition. The SHPO successfully negotiated with Ford to preserve the Packard Proving Grounds as mitigation for the loss of the Allen Park VA facility and the adverse impacts to the Proving Grounds by the 23 Mile Road project.

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